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From my understanding of the case, the so called restrictions to the company Microsoft was only a coverup done by both microsoft and the government. The government needs to prove themselves by "making things right". Microsoft on the other hand need to remain as "monopoly" and do the many evil things that they do as a multi-national company.

The fact that remains abhorrent to me is that XP will be free of any significant restictions. This made the case rediculous in terms that it fails place restriction on the current company product. It also shows a flawed in judgement by the judge. For a law is useless unless it can and will place restictions on microsoft now and in the future. Digging up old dirt and sueing them will not prevent new ways to breaking the law.

"If approved, some analysts said the agreement could greatly benefit computer manufacturers, which would have the freedom to substitute non-Microsoft applications on Windows, including Web browsers, e-mail clients, media players and instant-messaging applications." <a href="http://news.com.com/2100-1001-275317.html">http://news.com.com/2100-1001-275317.html</a>

The above statement clearly shows lack of judgement. If the proposal is approved, the general public will not so earily accept software other than microsoft. People who are used to doing things the microsoft way will resist change, especially from companies they have never heard of.

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